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FOR GEORGE S. VEST (PM) FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: DOD DIRECTIVE ON US DEFENSE REP IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

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1. DOD DIRECTIVE 5105.47 OF JULY 15, 1975, CONCERNING  
US DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVES ABROAD, STRIKES EMBASSY  
AS FUZZY IN A NUMBER OF RESPECTS. FOR EXAMPLE,  
SECTION II D. STATES THAT "OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO  
INTERNATIONAL STAFFS OR ORGANIZATIONS NORMALLY  
WILL NOT BE DESIGNATED AS THE USDR:" WE PRESUME  
THIS PARAGRAPH IS INTENDED TO REFER TO OFFICERS ON  
DUTY ON STAFFS OF MULTINATIONAL BODIES, BUT IT MIGHT  
ALSO BE INTERPRETED TO EXCLUDE OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO  
THE US DELEGATION TO BI-NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH  
AS THE JOINT US-BRAZIL MILITARY COMMISSION. PARA  
IV A.2. STATES THAT THE USDR WILL "PROVIDE ADVICE  
AND INFORMATION TO THE AMBASSADOR." THIS VERY  
GENERAL ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY REQUIRES A  
DESCRIPTION OF THE TYPE OF "ADVICE AND INFORMATION"  
TO BE RENDERED. THE AMBASSADOR DOES NOT EXPECT OR  
WANT THE USDR TO DUPLICATE ATTACHE FUNCTIONS. PARA  
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IV IN THE SAME SECTION REFERES TO "DOD INTEREST" AS

SEPARATE FROM THE US NATIONAL INTEREST. AGAIN,  
CLARIFICATION IS NECESSARY.

2. SINCE THIS DIRECTIVE DEALS WITH THE IN-COUNTRY  
CHAIN OF COMMAND, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATE  
TO HAVE REFERRED TO SECTION 12 OF PL 93-475, REITERATING  
ITS PRECEPTS CONCERNING THE AMBASSADOR'S RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR THE SUPERVISION OF ALL US GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
IN THAT COUNTRY (EXCEPT FOR PERSONNEL UNDER COMMAND  
OF US AREA MILITARY COMMANDER).

3. HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY'S MAIN PROBLEM WITH THE  
DIRECTIVE IS THAT WE FEAR THA IN ACTUAL OPERATION  
IT MIGHT SERVE TO INFRINGE ON OR INTERFERE WITH THE  
INDEPENDENCE IN-COUNTRY OF THE DAO, THE ROLE OF DATT  
AND OTHER ATTACHES, AND THEIR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP TO  
THE AMBASSADOR, WE NOTE THAT THE SECTION HEADED  
"RELATIONSHIPS" STATES EXPLICITLY THA THE NEW  
DIRECTIVE WILL NOT ALTER "THE NORMAL DIRECT ACCESS"  
OF THE MILITARY ATTACHES TO HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS,  
THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE CHIEFS OF THEIR SERVICES  
AND THE SECRETARIES OF THEIR MILITARY DEPARTMENTS,  
NOR THEIR ROLES AS ADVISORS TO THE AMBASSAOOR. AT  
THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, IT AUTHORIZES THE USDR IN  
SECTION IV "RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY" TO "ACT  
AS THE FOCAL POINT FOR THE COORDINATION OF GENERAL  
DATA CONCERNING NON-COMBAT DOD ELEMENTS IN A COUNTRY,"  
TO PROVIDE (UNSPECIFIED) "ADVICE AND INFORMATION"  
TO THE AMBASSADOR, TO INFORM OSD AND THE JCS ABOUT  
"IN-COUNTRY DOD ACTIVITIES," TO TAKE INITIATIVES TO  
"IMPROVE THE INTERFACE" BETWEEN DOD ELEMENTS, THE  
AMBASSADOR, AND THE LOCAL DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT, AND  
TO ELIMINATE "REDUMDANT ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT"  
FUNCTIONS.

4. IN EMBASSY'S OPINION, IMPRECISION OF DIRECTIVE  
CREATES POSSIBILITY THAT USDR COULD INTERPRET CERTAIN  
OF THESE RESPONSIBILITIES AS PLACING HIM IN POSITION  
TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS TO MILITARY  
ATTACHES ONPERFORMANCE OF THEIR FUNCTIONS, AND TO  
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REPORT TO WASHINGTON ON MANNER IN WHICH THEY DISCHARGE  
THEM. PARA IV A.6. SEEMS CLEARLY TO IMPLY USDR  
RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE DAO GUIDANCE IN "ADMINISTRATIVE  
AND SUPPORT" FUNCTIONS.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION  
CONCERNING PROBLEMS WHICH DEPARTMENT HAS ENCOUNTERED  
WITH DOD DIRECTIVE, AND ANY COMMENTS DEPARTMENT MIGHT

WISH TO MAKE ON FOREGOING.  
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